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2. THE STATIC TEST AREA WAS REPORTED TO BE OPERATIONAL IN 1952 BY RETURNING SPANIARDS. (GMAIC T/KH SUPPLEMENT TO: EVALUATION OF EVIDENCE ON SOVIET GUIDED MISSILE PRODUCTION, OCT 63).
3. A LOW ALTITUDE OBLIQUE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN MID-1959 REVEALED THAT THE SIZABLE PLANT CONTAINED ONE UNUSUAL BUILDING 50 X 50 X 105 FT, WHICH MIGHT BE A TEST TOWER FOR THE VERTICAL CHECKOUT OF COMPLETED MISSILES. TALENT COVERAGE OF THE DMDPC WAS OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUT HEAVY CLOUDS PERCLUDED DETAILED OBSERVATION OF THE PLANT.

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4. [REDACTED] REVEALED THE PLANT HAD EXPANDED TO MORE THAN DOUBLE ITS ORIGINAL SIZE SINCE MAY 1944. THE TESTING AREA WAS REPORTED TO CONTAIN A LARGE HYDROSTATIC TEST TOWER, COOLING TOWERS, AND 3 STATIC TEST STANDS.

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5. SUBSEQUENT MISSIONS HAVE SHOWN CONTINUED ENLARGEMENT OF THE DMDPC FACILITIES.
6. THIS MISSION REVEALS A 4TH VERTICAL TEST STAND (SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN THE OTHERS), A PROBABLE PROPELLANT PREPARATION FACILITY

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(FORMERLY LABLED BLDG. #12), A PROBABLE HYDROSTATIC TEST BUILDING, AND A HORIZONTAL TEST STAND (FORMERLY LABELED BLDG. #8). A NEW UNDERGROUND STEAM LINE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND CONNECTS AN AREA OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AT THE EASTERN END OF THE SOUTH PRODUCTION PLANT WITH THE TEST FACILITY. LARGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL ARE OBSERVED IN OPEN STORAGE THROUGHOUT THE PLANT AREA. APPROXIMATELY 30 LARGE (75 FT) RAIL CARS ARE LOCATED IN THE NORTH PLANT AREA.

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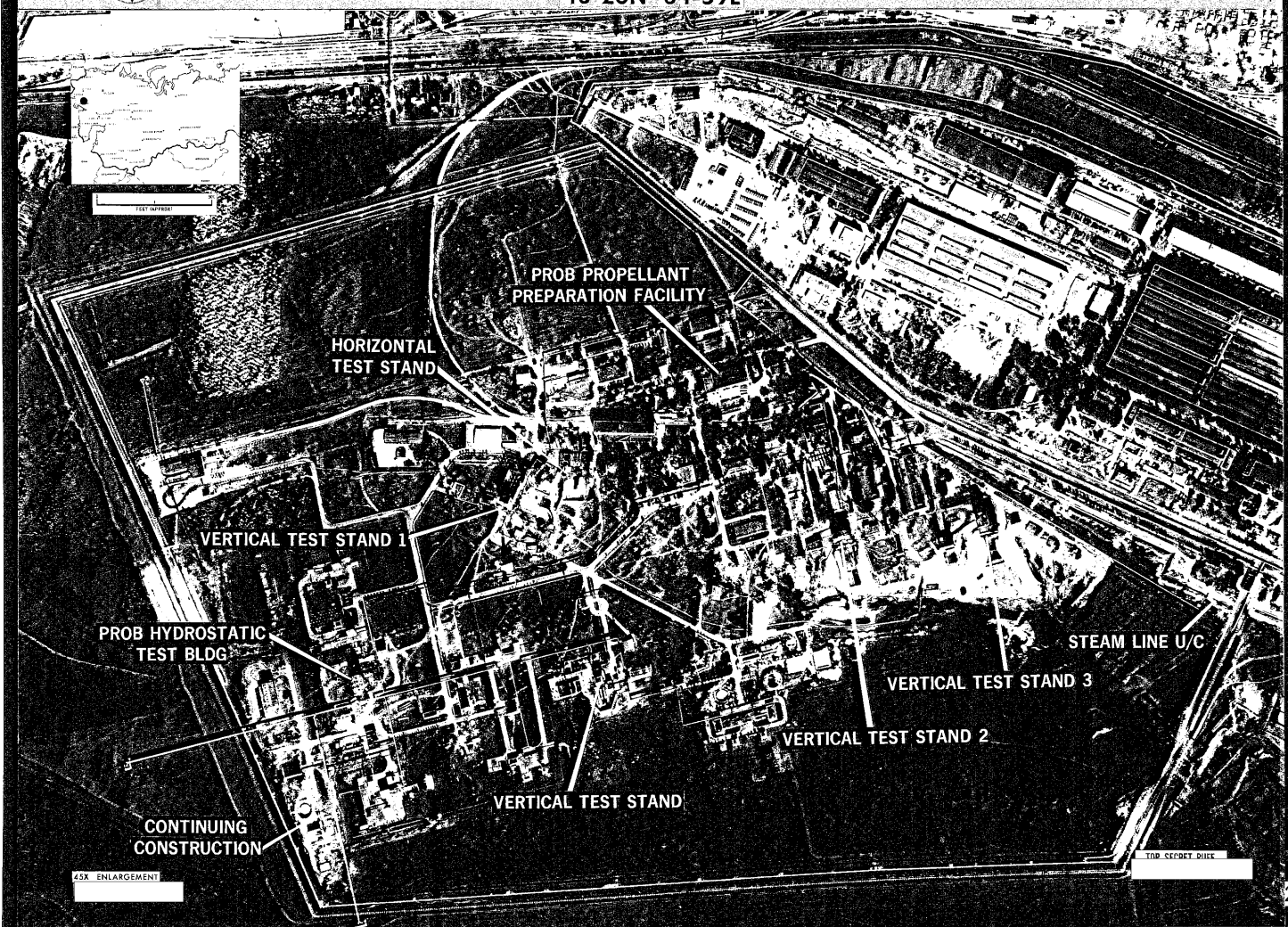
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